

## State of South Dakota Office of the Governor

Whereas, Since January 2000, at least 170 people, including students, parents, and children, have died in campus-related fires in our Nation; and,

Whereas, Approximately 87 percent of these deaths have occurred in off-campus occupancies; and,

Whereas, It is recognized that fire safety education is an effective method of reducing the occurrence of fires and reduces the resulting loss of life and property damage; and,

Whereas, It is vital to educate the future generation of our state about the importance of fire safety behavior so that these behaviors can help to ensure their safety during their college years and beyond; and,

Whereas, By developing a generation of fire-safe adults, future loss of life from fires can be significantly reduced:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim September 2016 as

## CAMPUS FIRE SAFETY MONTH

in South Dakota, and I urge all citizens to recognize and participate in its observance.

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In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of August in the year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Sixteen.

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Shantel Krebs, Secretary of State